BIA Budget Formulation 2019

Tribes Served by the BIA Western Region

Grand Canyon, Arizona

Bears Ears, Utah

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- 13 Agencies
- 42 Tribes
- 12.6 million acres
- Population 496,170
There is a need for an across the board budget increase for all line items.

Tribes served by the BIA Western Region oppose any funding decreases in the BIA budget.
Methodology

To determine the top 10 priorities for the region, the Budget Formulation team factored in a weighted ranking of the preferred programs and unobligated amount requests.

All budget requests were incorporated into the budget formulation proportionately to an 8% funding increase.

Top Ten Budget Requests

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**Road Maintenance**

For the Western Region:
- 356.2 miles out of a total of 6,297.9, 5.6%, miles of BIA roads are in acceptable condition.
- 95% of roads are in unacceptable condition.
- 127 Bridges out of 212, 59%, are in acceptable condition

Bad roads are especially a concern since many of the Tribes are located in remote locations and are rural in nature.

**Funding Request - $1,830,000**

- Tribes don’t receive enough Roads Maintenance funding to complete any one Road Maintenance project
- Funding is often supplanted by Tribal funds or through FHWA
- Increased funding can support staff and equipment

**Criminal Investigations and Police Services**

- Not enough funding to hire police officers
- Response time is not effective
- Outdated equipment and IT infrastructure

**Funding Request - $1,801,000**

- Hire police officers
  - Provide active patrolling 24 hours a day – 7 times as week
  - Greater community presence
- Accountability will be enhanced with this increase in funding for investigative reports with case management.
Tribal Courts

• Equipment is failing and outdated
• Need for new staffing to address backlog
  • Training is needed for staff
• Increased costs due to the enactment of the Tribal Law and Order Act
• Need to support Wellness Courts

Funding Request

$1,758,000

Detention/Correction

• In the Western Region, there are two BIA facilities and one holding facility and 8 tribally-run facilities. Of the 8 tribally-run facilities, six include juvenile facilities.
• Tribes served by the BIA Western Region support initiatives that address "alternatives to incarceration" strategies that seek to address underlying causes of repeat offenses.

Funding Request - $853,000

• Increase funding would be used to support staffing, and update obsolete equipment and computer software.
Social Services

Native families are exposed to domestic violence and child endangerment situations at a higher rate than in non-native communities due to the interrelated problems of poverty, violence, and substance & child abuse faced by native communities.

Funding Request
$382,000

- Need for more staff
  - Case management
  - Salaries do not meet national standards
- Training is needed for foster parents to increase foster youth placements
- Training is needed to train families on life skills and prevention programs
- Services for alcohol and substance abuse awareness and education
- Vehicles are needed for transport to and from services

- Increase in funding would result in
  - Less child removals
  - Elders remaining healthy and safe
  - Reduction in recidivism

Thank you

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